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In Council Annapolis 6th Nov^r 1780

Sir
No 520. Governour Jefferson has informed us that the Executive of Virginia have given Orders for the Removal of the Convention Troops from that State to Fort Frederick, to prevent an attempt being made by the Enemy to disperse them out of their Stands. We thought it necessary you should be apprized of this Order, that Preparations might be made for their Reception & Support. Mr. Murdock, Commissary of Frederick County has our Directions to supply you with what Powder and Ball he has on Hand, when Application is made by you. It is not in our Power to supply you with any Continental Money; it is expected some Measures will be taken by the General Assembly to promote the Circulation of the new Emission, and shall lay your Letter before them. We have requested Col. Donist to send up such of the Soldiers of the Extra Regiment, rejected by the Board of War, as are able to march at this Time. The Pay of the Soldiers in Capt. Reid's Company, is the same with those in the Line. Mr. Jacobs likewise has an Order for the Clothing desired.

Col. Mafes Howlings

We are &c.

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521. The Enclosure is a Copy of Governour Jefferson's Letter, received this Day by Express. We are not inclined to believe the Possession of Baltimore Town is an Object with the British Army now in Virginia, yet, as the Fleet and Army still remain in that State, and its Neighbourhood, and their future Designs not clearly indicated by their past Conduct, we wish, in this State of Uncertainty and Doubt, that you may not be wholly unprepared for their Reception, nor, on the other Hand, put the State to Expence in Preparations to frustrate their supposed Intentions. Your Orders to the Militia in Baltimore Town and its Vicinity, to hold themselves in Readiness, at a short Notice, we think the most eligible Measure under present Circumstances.

We are &c.

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Lieut^t of Balt^h County }